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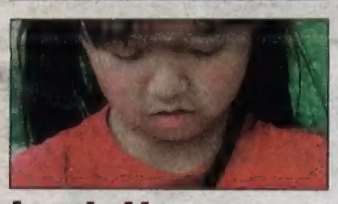

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BLACK DAY IN JULY

Highlanders stunned at Frost Centre closure; locks are changed and guards roam grounds

Andy Lloyd/TIMES

The Ministry of Natural Resources wasted no time changing the locks on the doors of the Frost Centre and hiring several uniformed security guards in the wake of Tuesday's stunning announcement that the centre was being closed, permanently. See stories for details.

Rumours turn to shocking reality for 31 jobless Frost employees

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI & SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Employees at the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre gathered at 10 a.m. on July 6, a rumour of closure in the back of their minds, but unaware of the bomb about to explode in their lives.

They were told the 83-year-old centre is closing - immediately.

What had begun as a meeting that interrupted their day's work turned out to be the end of the line for the 31 employees gathered in two separate rooms at the centre.

The work many had started in the early 1980s – one employee even as early as1973 – had just come to a screeching halt.

Employees were shocked and dismayed. Media were asked to leave the building out of respect for the staff's grief and told no one wanted to talk about what had happened. Later that day Cindy McPhail, a six-year employee in the Frost's kitchen facility expressed her anger about the way the situation was handled.

"Everyone is upset," she said. "We considered ourselves a family."

What happened was that Acting Manager Mike Flynn, accompanied by a Ministry of Natural Resources official, human resources

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'Horrible' is how staff describe closure

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staff, and employment and trauma counsellors, announced without any prior warning to staff or users that all scheduled programs, including those for the Tuesday, were cancelled.

The 15 unclassified or contract staff were handed letters explaining they would be paid until October 28 but their contract was being terminated. They were urged to access the employment counselling being offered. The 16 classified or full-time staff were given packages outlining options including early retirement for two individuals and possibility of relocation within the MNR for another 10. Staff were told they had seven days to clean out their offices and decide their future before the doors were officially locked on July 13.

After the meeting security personnel employed by the MNR arrived and workers began to change all of the outside door locks. The Frost Centre's comprehensive website was blocked and replaced with a page from the MNR stating the centre is closing and all of its buildings will be put up for sale. Trails would remain open "for the time being."

Some staff, such as McPhail who is on contract, were told they did not need to return to work the next day. She says the news was completely unexpected because when she heard rumours of closure she confronted Flynn a few weeks ago and he denied any knowledge of a looming closure.

"When I heard about it on the radio and read about it in the paper, I confronted him again and he denied it again," McPhail said, visibly upset. "They recently upgraded the kitchen facilities and just last month we got new uniforms. Why put in all that money if you aren't going to keep it open?"

Other employees were just as confused and upset. After 14 years of service with the maintenance department, Eric Roth says it will be difficult to leave.

"We all love the centre," he said shaking his head.

As one of the classified employees in the Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 317, he may be eligible to bump an employee with less seniority within the MNR out of their job.

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Biologist Irene Heaven, a contract worker at the Leslie M. Frost Centre (standing, at right) was just one of several Frost workers who attended an emergency meeting Tuesday night at the Stanhope Community Centre. The meeting was held to create a plan to save the Frost.

Katie FitzRandolph, OPSEU spokesperson, says there is one opportunity for a "bump" within 40 km of the Frost Centre. There are seven opportunities outside of that range. She added two employees are being offered early retirement and two of the enforcement positions are being relocated to the Peterborough MNR office.

A letter signed by Elizabeth McKnight from the Management Board Secretariat, responsible for managing the operations of the Frost Centre, was sent to OPSEU on June 21 stating that staff would be told of the closure on July 6 and that the centre would be closed by July 14. FitzRandolph says the letter was confidential, met the union's notice requirement but could not be shared with the public or staff until July 6.

She says the union is not pleased with the closure, which "came out of the blue." Alison Kabayama, OPSEU's MNR representative, says the Frost Centre was a "bare bones operation" not staffed by highly paid civil servants. She says the MNR is meeting the terms of the collective agreement but it is unfortunate they would spring a decision "that so strongly affects the livelihood of the surrounding communities" on them without any prior notice.

OPSEU staff were not able to comment at this time on what their next step would be beyond ensuring that staff receive the benefits to which they are entitled.

Meanwhile staff are proceeding with the closure of the centre that has worn many hats over the years: ranger school, Ontario Forest Technical Training School, part of Ontario's colleges and universities, and finally as Leslie M. Frost Centre. The centre has remained true to one goal: preserving the natural environment through education in resource management.

The mood on Tuesday was solemn as people tried to digest the news that an integral part of the history of this county is being dismantled. A couple of conservation officers walking about the grounds just shook their heads.

"It's horrible," one of them remarked. "To lose your livelihood just like that is horrible."

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The Stanhope Community Centre was filled with unhappy, frustrated people from all walks of life, including Frost Centre employees, politicians, outdoorsmen, environmentalists and people who just care. All are involved in a battle to keep the Frost Centre open.

Frost protest tonight

Everyone's invited to join 5:30 p.m. protest in front of Minden MNR on Highway 35; bring placards, drums, musical instruments

by **IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI**
Times staff

As news of the Frost Centre closure began to circulate throughout the community on Tuesday afternoon, people throughout the county reacted with anger and disbelief.

The anger was directed mostly at the way in which the government shut out any public discussion over the closure.

At an emergency community meeting held Tuesday night at the Stanhope Fire Hall, local MPP Laurie Scott called it an "abusive and arrogant" move by the government.

"To say I'm surprised would be an understatement," she added.

Her comments were echoed by most of the 70 people gathered at the hall for the meeting.

Organizer Carol Moffat called on community members to work together to come up with ways to save the Frost Centre.

"The best line of offence is to just hammer away at them," she said. "Spread this word far and wide."

Already by Tuesday night, flyers about the closure had been distributed around the community and a protest planned for 5:30 on Friday night at the Minden MNR office on Hwy 35.

Since hearing the rumour last week, Dave Heaven began a petition in support of the center. In the first day alone, he got nearly 400 signatures. That number escalated to 800 in the days that followed and now that the centre is officially closed, Heaven expects that number to soar. Currently it has close to 1,000 signatures.

"The community support has been tremendous," he said.

Heaven's petition is only one of many circulating throughout the area encouraging people to support a centre that has been part of this community for 83 years. An electronic petition can be accessed online through the Chamber of Commerce at www.experiencehaliburton.com.

At Tuesday's impromptu meeting, the group collected $445 towards the cause, $200 coming as a donation from CHANGE (County of Haliburton Advocates for a Naturally Good Environment). The money will be used to send a message to the government that closing the Frost centre is unacceptable to this community.

Pauline Johnson, who is originally from Pickering but has been a resident of the area since her retirement five years ago, says the closure stretches beyond just being a local issue.

"You never forget your kids coming up to the Frost Centre," she said. "Mine have very fond memories of it and they still like to come up to Dorset and visit the tower. It reminds them of their first visits up here."

Johnson, a former high school teacher, says the decision is scary because it means children will no longer have a place to learn the etiquettes of camping and respect for nature.

Many say that the most disturbing aspect of the closure is the secrecy and swiftness with which it was accomplished.

"You just don't expect that dictatorial approach from the Liberal government," Johnson said.

Penny Obee, chair of the Friends of the Frost, said that she is dismayed with the quick decision.

"If they had said that the closure would take place in the next fiscal year or at the end of the summer, then we would have had time to work on a protest," she said. "It doesn't mean we are giving up the fight, but you have to wonder how much impact it will have now that the decision has been made."

Obee said that walking through the halls of the centre on Tuesday with the knowledge that it was closing was very painful.

"It brought back a lot of memories," she said. "I can't even imagine how the full-time employees, who have poured their heart and soul into that centre, feel right now."

Valerie Smith, a local trustee with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, is upset at all the programming that will have to be cancelled or moved from the centre.

The children's Water Festival, planned for September at the Frost Centre, already has 1,600 registered children, she said.

"It has been in the works for a year," she added.

She credits staff at the Frost Centre for the excellent quality of programs available.

Even if another venue is found for the festival, she says, it still won't be the same.

"What are we going to do without the John Etches and Barrie Martins of the world?"

How it happened: the Frost timeline

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

• 1974 - Leslie M. Frost Natural Resource Centre is established as a resource management education centre.
• January 16, 2004 - Crown land use policy report is updated, says the Frost Centre's primary goal is a wider public understanding and appreciation of Ontario's natural resources.
• June 21 - OPSEU is notified by the Management Board Secretariate of intention to close the Frost Centre by July 14.
• June 24 - MPP Laurie Scott asked David Ramsay, MNR Minister, if the Frost Centre was slated for closure and he told her he knew nothing about it.
• June 30 - MNR staffer cancels conference call with County Warden Bill Davis to discuss the issue.
• July 6 - MNR managment informs Frost Centre staff the centre is immediately closing.
• July 6 - Gail Beggs, MNR deputy-minister, circulates memo to MNR staff outlining reasons for closing.
• July 6 - Ramsay informs local MPPs and politicians of decision to close the Frost, indicates willingness to speak to local politicians about it but gives no indication of willingness to reverse decision.
• July 6 - Frost Centre website announces the lands and buildings of the Frost Centre (excluding Crown land) will be sold to another ministry or the public. Memorabilia, heritage artifacts and artworks in the Frost Centre will be preserved - no assurances as to where.
• July 8 - Scott's office receives information from MNR with list of questions to the MNR from the media and their response.
• July 14 - Frost Centre will be officially closed.

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Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Norm Mills and Haliburton's MPP Laurie Scott were in the front row at Tuesday's emergency meeting.

Secrecy angers local gov't

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

Local government officials are disappointed with the lack of public consultation in the provincial government's decision to shut down the Frost Centre.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison was upset with the secrecy surrounding the decision.

"They should have had enough faith in the local government to tell us what was happening," she said. "It almost looks like they don't trust us. Even if it was confidential, they should have come to us."

The Frost Centre, just south of Dorset, is in Harrison's municipality. When she first heard about the rumour to close the centre, both she and Haliburton County Warden Bill Davis tried to get answers.

"I'm terribly disappointed to think that for two and a half weeks we have been trying to contact the ministry, and the minister, and pushing every button we could push and we've been getting the standard 'nothing is going on' line," she said.

When the decision was announced on Tuesday, Harrison heard it from a staff member.

"Is that fair? I don't think so," she said.

"There was no consultation with local government," she added. "We had no opportunity to participate. The McGuinty government said they wanted to include local government into decisions. Well somebody is lying to somebody."

The rest of her council is just as upset about the closure. Jim Hicks, Tom Gardener, Diane Griffin, and Kerry Lock all attended the public meeting held on Tuesday night in support of saving the centre.

Harrison was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

Minden Hills Councillor Peter Oyler was also at the public meeting and said the decision makes him very angry.

"This is the most underhanded bit yet that they have pulled on us since they came into power," he said, referring to the provincial Liberal government.

Among other things, Oyler is concerned about the negative economic effect this closure will have on the county, which has the second lowest income in the province.

"In socio-economic terms," he said, "this is the equivalent of walking into Oshawa and closing a GM plant."

Harrison says she is very concerned as well.

"The loss of 35 full-time jobs will be devastating," she said. "And it's not just a loss of these jobs, it's the Frost Centre itself and what it means to local businesses."

Closing the centre right in the middle of the tourist season will also hit surrounding businesses, she added.

"I am devastated, shocked, certainly hurt, and disappointed. I am all of those things," she said.

Minden Hills council called a special meeting on Thursday afternoon and voted unanimously to support a resolution asking the provincial government to reopen the centre.

It is expected other municipalities in the area will follow the lead.

"We are not going to lie down and play dead," Harrison said. "If we can't change anything, at least we can give ourselves the satisfaction of having done something."

Haliburton County politicians will not be alone in their battle. Gord Adams, District of Muskoka chair, is also lobbying to save the Frost Centre. Adams has also been stonewalled in an attempt to get information until David Ramsay, Minister of Natural Resources, called him from his sailboat on July 6 – the same day staff were told the centre is closing.

Adams says he told Ramsay a cost of operating of $1.2 million is well worth the impact on the local economy.

"I made the point the government is responsible for sharing the wealth. The numbers they're talking about are a drop in the bucket for the MNR. But not for Dorset," says Adams.

Ramsay told Adams he would be willing to sit down with him and Haliburton County's warden but Adams says it seems to be a gesture far too late to be effective.

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How MNR PR defends Frost decision

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

There's "great opportunity for development" at the Frost Centre, the Minister of Natural Resources told listeners of CBC Radio's Ontario Morning program on Thursday.

"It has great economic development potential," David Ramsay told guest host Ted Barras. When Barras asked if the 24,000 hectares which surround the facility on St. Nora's Lake will be included in the ministry's plans, Ramsay said "we won't be selling the land."

Ramsay says the centre "is a beautiful place that is a cost to taxpayers." He says that the MNR does not need such an "elaborate" training facility.

"We had to close the centre," he said. "My job is to realign services and make sure what we're doing is a core service."

When Barras asked if education was a core service, Ramsay said "Not to my ministry."

The MNR's mantra since announcing the decision to close the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre on July 6 has been that "the management of a training facility is not (the MNR's) core business."

The MNR's website the day before July 6 said the Frost Centre is "Ontario's leading natural resources education, training and conference centre" and talks about the role of the Frost in educating the public as well as government staff. The rationale for a suddenly new perspective on the role the centre has played and the MNR's responsibility towards public education has been murky.

All of the *Times'* calls for information regarding the closure are being directed to Steve Payne, the MNR's senior communications officer, regardless of which ministry or department the *Times* has contacted. The *Times* has attempted to contact the premier and deputy-premier who signed off on the closure as well as the Management Board Secretariat, the Ontario Realty Corporation, Minister Ramsay and Gail Beggs, MNR deputy-minister.

The following is an exerpt from the conversation between Payne and this reporter.

Loucks - I am calling with regards to the closure of the Frost Centre.
Payne - I'm not sure what I can tell that I didn't tell you yesterday.
Loucks - I was not speaking with you yesterday.
Payne - Someone from your paper was.
Loucks - I can assure you no one from my newspaper called you yesterday.
Payne - It was someone from Haliburton, I'm sorry maybe I've confused names.
Loucks - What alternatives to closure did the MNR examine?
Payne - The decision has been made to close the centre.
Loucks - Prior to the decision being made ...
Payne - The centre's not part of our core functions. It was decided to close it.
Loucks - When was the decision made?
Payne - Yesterday.
Loucks - A decision of this magnitude takes more time to ...
Payne - Next question.
Loucks - At what point did the Minister become involved.
Payne - I'm not privy to that.
Loucks - Who is?
Payne - The Minister.
[All calls to the Minister are referred to Payne and the Minister's office says Ramsay is not available.]
Loucks - What does it cost to train conservation officers at the Frost?
Payne - I don't have those exact numbers.
Loucks - But the MNR believes it will be cheaper to train them elsewhere?
Payne - There are several other facilities around the province that can be used, that are not solely dedicated to training. *[The MNR has been referring to the Frost Centre solely as a training facility.]*
Loucks - Is there any intention to move the public education programs (offered at the Frost) to another facility?
Payne - There are a lot of other facilities in your area that do education: Haliburton Forest, Kandalore, Kinark, the YMCA Wanakita.
Loucks - When did the mandate for the Frost change from being one of public education?
Payne - The centre is not one of the core functions of the Ministry.
Loucks - The Crown Land Use Policy Report for the Frost Centre dated January 16, 2004 says the primary goal is to foster a wider public understanding ...
Payne - I'm not aware of it, next question.
Loucks - A letter was sent to OPSEU...
Payne - I can't comment on that.
Loucks - Why was the decision made to close during the summer, cancelling revenue ...
Payne - The summer is one of the slower periods. This is a tough decision to make at any time of the year.

Despite Payne's unwillingness to answer questions, the *Times* has discovered the following information.

The ministry has told Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock, and Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, that public consultation was not necessary because the "majority" of the centre's operations were for internal government training and they do not consult with the public about what they do with internal facilities. In fact, 48% of the Frost Centre's users days are taken up by students and members of the public.

Payne says the MNR is spending $1.2 million annually to operate the Frost Centre; however numbers obtained from Scott's office suggest that in 2002/03 the actual expenditure was $1.1 million. The MNR allocation that year was only $659,560, the revenue line was $482,880 and recoveries were $69,541 – leaving a surplus of $64,637.

However, staff from Scott's office warned they do not have official confirmation of these numbers and there may be variables other than what is reported here.

The ministry has not elaborated on how they will be realizing an oft-cited $7 million savings over four years by closing the Frost Centre.

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Bad decision

Who cares about Haliburton County? Obviously not the McGuinty Liberals.

We would like to give the government the benefit of the doubt about the decision to close the Frost Centre, but it smacks of petty politics. Does the fact that this riding remains Tory blue have anything to do with the closure, which will affect the local economy with the loss of 35-40 jobs as well as deal a financial blow to supporting businesses? Would the centre have been closed if it was named after a prominent Liberal politician? We might be willing to rename it "The Dalton McGuinty Natural Resources Centre" if that's what it will take to keep it open.

Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay has said the Frost Centre property has potential for development. Does that mean the government views the property as a windfall – a highly saleable property that could add a few million dollars to the provincial coffers?

We can almost envision the back room wheeling and dealing as the Liberal brain trust mulled over what assets could be plundered to pay for the promises the new government made to woo the voters.

Is this some sort of sick punishment meted out to those voters in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding who had the nerve (many would say good sense) to buck the provincial trend and elect a Conservative MPP?

It makes no sense to close the province's premium outdoors education centre. With the emphasis on green, environmentally friendly, eco-friendly use of our natural resources, is the closing of the Frost Centre is a true indication of the McGuinty government's "commitment to quality education?"

True environmental education can't be learned in a classroom in the GTA, Hamilton, Windsor or Ottawa. Hands-on, in-your-face practical experience is only available at facilities like the Frost Centre. And there is only one.

It has been suggested that the Ministry of Education might be willing to help subsidize the operating and maintenance costs. Did the Natural Resources Minister even bother to consult with his counterpart in education to see if a workable solution could be found?

The MNR claims that the Centre costs $1.7-million a year to operate and brings in revenues of about $500,000. That still leaves a $1.2-million shortfall. Peanuts when you consider the fact that the Frost Centre provides 25,000 person days of educational services annually. That translates to an investment of $48 a day per person. Is the Liberal government telling us it isn't worth $48 per person per day for hands-on educational services? The provincial government pays considerably more than that per day for meal allowances for MPPs, bureaucrats and public employees when they are away from their offices.

So, it seems the provincial government is willing to close the Frost Centre for less than the equivalent of lunch money!

Even dyed-in-the-wool Liberal supporters in Haliburton County would find it difficult to justify the closure of the Frost Centre – a world-class facility that would be impossible to duplicate. Where else will you find a facility that has access to 24,000 hectares, some of which is semi-wilderness, and some 60 lakes.

The telephone calls and e-mails that have traditionally gone to the experts at the Frost Centre for information will have to be fielded by someone else. The Minden and Bancroft MNR offices are the logical alternatives. Human resources at both offices are already stretched to the limit. Will we see fewer conservation officers and technicians in the field? Is the Ministry prepared to increase staff? And what will become of the Frost Centre? The MNR might as well turn it over to the Ministry of Transportation so it can be the new home of an asphalt plant.

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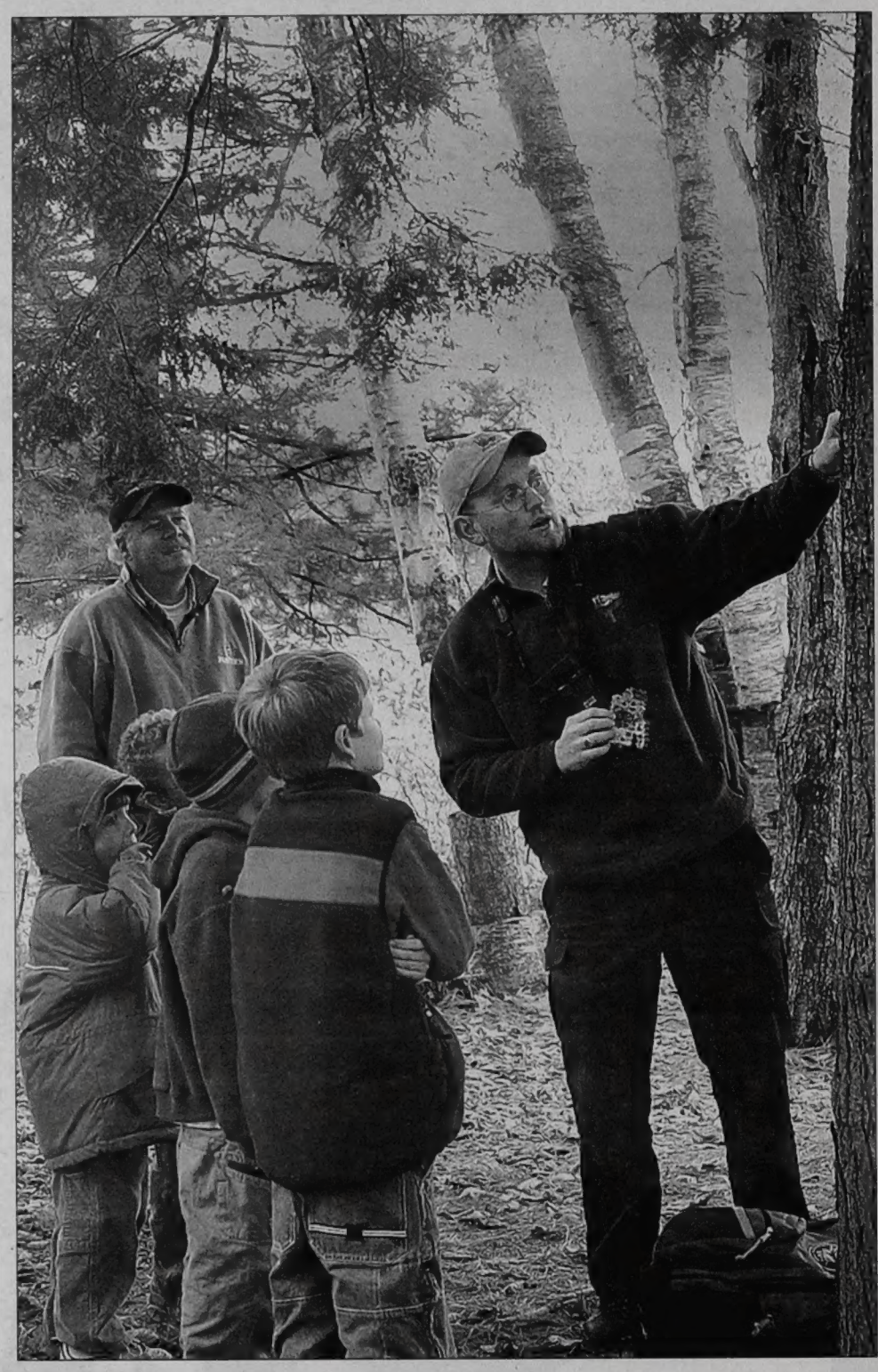


IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Teaching children in the forests of the Frost Centre ... soon to be a thing of the past.

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Frost Centre deficit is small compared to value it provides

The following letter was first sent to the Premier and the Minister of Natural Resources.

Dear Premier:

My wife and I are highly disturbed to hear that your government will close or sell the Leslie M. Frost Centre in Haliburton County.

The centre is a quality year-round educational facility for students, educators, and law enforcement personnel. It offers a variety of seminars and workshops throughout the year to the general public. And the proof of its quality is plain to see: the centre enjoys 25,000 user days each year.

The cost of $1.7 million a year is a small amount in relation to other costs in the province's budget. And much of that expense is offset by fees charged for the various services.

At a time when the Ontario environment is in peril and the public desperately needs education, the small deficit the Frost Centre runs each year is negligible in relation to the good it and its staff are doing.

We urge you to keep this ideal nature education centre open.

Jack Bush & Elaine Bell
RR#2 Haliburton

INOTHERWORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Small fries

SOMETIMES PEOPLE boast without ever really thinking about it. Recently, for example, Australian scientists claim to have caught the world's smallest and lightest fish. They say the Stout Infantfish tips the scales at about one millionth of a kilogram. Prime specimens stretch out to about 9 millimetres in length. Most of that is eyes and threadlike body.

Big deal. Compared to some of the fish I've caught, those things are certified trophies. What I wouldn't give to have one of those mounted on my office wall. Ask any angler who has ever fished with me and you'll get all the confirmation you need – I regularly catch fish much smaller than that, and without trying.

Despite this, I welcome the announcement, as it provides much-needed hope for many anglers. You see the Stout Infantfish is so small that it might actually hide behind most of the baits or flies that the average angler uses. All those times you thought you were skunked, you might have unwittingly caught and released a limit of Ontario Stout Infantfish – a little known but local subspecies of the breed. Probably did, in fact. Each time you thought you were snagged on a weed, you might have been locked in a life or death struggle with a bull Ontario Stout Infantfish, which, by the way, fight three times harder than the tamer and more docile Aussie version.

BEYOND35

Steve Galea

As an outdoors writer, I think it's high time that I introduced this new and exotic species to the angling public. Let's face it, most of the world's game fish have been written about ad nauseam, and I have proven myself to be no expert at any of them anyhow.

Not to brag, but I am Ontario's preeminent authority on Stouties. The very fact that I'm the first outdoors writer to have given them a keen angling nickname – Stouties or Threadbacks – is clearly more than enough reason to make me an authority on the matter.

Even as we speak, I'm developing a line of several no-fail Stoutie flies, some so light and translucent as to be invisible. I'm selling these by the dozen in their own custom-made match box-sized fly box for $20 per set. But be warned, even opening a box of these flies might be enough to scatter them to the winds. They're that lightweight. Naturally, I can offer no refunds, since the tying of these flies is fine and delicate work. Nevertheless, they make fine gifts for that outdoorsman who has everything – including money to burn.

Of course, you'll need to know where to use them. Fortunately, I happen to know several lakes around here where Stouties have been introduced by Australians who forgot to wring out their bathing suits. And each time I fish those waters I manage to bring in a limit of these shy fish hiding on the far side of my hooks – and nothing else. If your eyes are real good, you'll see them in my photos.

Now that the secret's out, let me go on record as saying that pound for pound, Stouties are one of our finest fighting game fish. In fact, as Canada's first high-priced Stoutie guide, I can assure you that it's best to be careful when handling them, as their teeth are so sharp as to leave a cut that is so surgically precise that you can't even find or feel it. I've actually seen schools of these highly aggressive fish take down wading bull moose, over several years, of course.

Like everything else about these fine fish, it's something you have to see to believe. Really.

What's the buzz?

A bunch of the boys were whooping it up near the lumber desk.

"The mosquitoes at my place are as big as robins," says Kevin, and there is a pause while each of us tries to think of a way of topping him without seeming to exaggerate.

It is a stranger wearing plaid Bermuda shorts and knee-high white socks and unschooled in Haliburton hyperbole who breaks the silence.

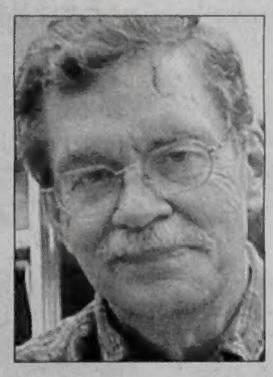
"Mine are more the size of dirigibles," he says, but an old man talks over the second half of his sentence just as though they were politicians taking part in a televised debate.

"I won't say my mosquitoes are as big as robins, but they sure are strong," says the geezer. "This morning, a bunch of them picked me up and were flying away with me when some of the neighbours' mosquitoes chased them off and they dropped me.

"That's why I need this cane today," and he thumps the floor so hard for emphasis that a three-pound bag of three-inch nails falls off the counter. Galvanized ardox, they were. The nails, that is, not the mosquitoes.

I have to speak up. The Brown Dog Jiggs was the victim of a swarming, I tell them. There were so many of them the government set up a mosquito traffic control tower on his long nose.

"There were mosquitoes circling while they looked for a place to land," I say. "The government was afraid there would be mid-air collisions."



BACKOFBEYOND

Neil Campbell

Some of what you have just read is true but you never let the facts get in the way of a good mosquito story. For example, Haliburton mosquitoes are too fiercely independent to let the government build anything for them; they put up the control tower themselves.

It is difficult to imagine a warm-weather Haliburton conversation that doesn't begin with bugs. If it isn't mosquitoes, it's blackflies or deer flies or horse flies or little green worms falling out of trees and landing in your ear.

But mosquitoes are at the heart of every Haliburton summer and now the Health Unit wants to make mosquitoes an endangered species.

Of course, we all know the Health Unit is part of an international cartel called the Bureau of Here's What We Should Be Afraid of Today. If we let them do away with our mosquitoes, we'll have nothing left to complain about but the weather and the water levels.

Now the notion that we could somehow put even a small dent in the Haliburton mosquito population has The Brown Dog Jiggs and me falling about, laughing hysterically.

When I tell Jiggs that we have been instructed to rid our 50 acres of all standing water, he bursts into whoops and guffaws, as smooth collies are wont to do.

What we both wonder, first of all, is whether the people doing the urging have ever been to Haliburton.

If they were to fly over my neck of the woods, between the Bobcaygeon Road and Big Bob Lake, they'd see water, water everywhere, either standing still or shuffling along in such a desultory manner that it is one vast mosquito condominium.

Without half trying I can think of eight wetlands within a mile of me. There are certainly more I haven't stumbled on and that doesn't include the chain of bogs and beaver ponds that runs from the Kernohan Pit to the Big Bob Lake ridge.

I don't mean to mock the medical profession. I know that without their heroic efforts we would still be burying victims of typhus and polio by the truckload each summer. The Health Unit brings the same resolve to the West Nile fight.

But the way I figure it, after a winter of reading about West Nile and SARS and mad-cow disease and bird flu and the perils of cellphones I'm probably going to die of an anxiety attack before the skeeters get me.

Short of spending the time between spring thaw and freeze-up in a hermetically-sealed room, I know that mosquitoes will find me sooner or later and that one of them will infect me with West Nile. Then I'll find out whether I die from it.

In the meantime, I'll layer on the fly dope and remind myself that that too was supposed to be a hazard to my health until somebody decided that getting West Nile was a fate worse than Deet.

MORELETTERS

Times readers write

Questions loom about the library and whether it will be ready when snow flies

To the Editor:

I don't know what the big hoopla is about the gallery expansion. It is unfair to the library, which needs to be expanded as well. It's also unfair to have this construction starting once the gallery is closed but the library is still open. It becomes a construction zone and in construction zones hard hats are required. Is the construction company going to supply hard hats to the employees and patrons of the library? Are they going to want to shut the hydro and water off, what about people using the washroom and the computers?

I think the whole building should be expanded rather the just one area.

They should have thought about what it is going to do to the library. I guarantee that no one realizes that the gallery has more room than the library has for their books.

Why isn't anyone doing anything for the library but causing more headaches? When it all comes down to it, are they going to be finished for when the snow hits? Is there going to be heat and hydro when the snow hits? A lot of questions need to be answered for the public and for the library.

Kim Mason
Minden.

Frost closure an abomination

To the Editor:

Closing a venerable institution like the Frost borders on insanity. Instead of closing it, why not involve partners like the Ministry of Eduation, Haliburton County, the District of Muskoka, the townships of Algonquin Highlands, Lake of Bays and others so it can continue to educate children and others about the importance of the natural world? Seeing guards instead of children roaming the halls of the Frost is an abomination.

Cathy Olliffe,
Carnarvon.

Family honours Louise Watson's dedication to Stanhope Airport

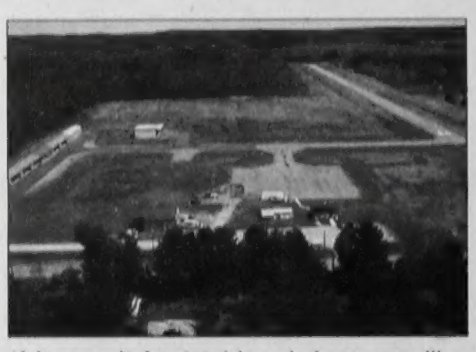
by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

A new addition to the walls of the Stanhope Airport will serve as a memorial to the late Louise Watson.

Rose Creamer and her family donated a signed print by James Lumbers titled 'Flight 632' to the township of Algonquin Highlands in honour of her aunt's memory.

Watson was one of the leading figures who lobbied for an airport at Stanhope.

In 1965, when the idea of building an airport first began to take form, Watson became the secretary of the original airport committee. She was instrumental in acquiring the necessary lands for the original grass strip and was very proud to see the terminal building go up in 1969.



If it wasn't for 'stubborn' dreamers like Louise Watson, today's airport would not exist.

The family of Louise Watson presented a James Lumbers painting to Algonquin Highlands in her memory. The painting will hang in the airport that she helped build. From left to right: Stacey Guymer (holding baby Garrett), Bert Guymer, Mary Blakney, Shannon Kohlmeier, Shawn Creamer, Ken Long, Rose Creamer, Reeve Eleanor Harrison, and Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner.

It was Watson who sold the community on the idea of expanding the airport to allow for an asphalt strip in the 1970s.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison called her a grand lady, a gracious lady, and a determined lady.

In 1977, Watson solicited 100 letters of support, which the township still has on file, for an expanded airport.

Harrison, in the midst of trying for further airport expansion herself, says that gathering those letters must have meant a lot of hard work for Watson.

"I think that it's absolutely amazing," she said.

At the ceremony held on Monday to dedicate the painting, Harrison spoke of Watson's ability to motivate those around her when they began to get discouraged.

Rose Creamer's son, Shawn, also spoke fondly about his great aunt.

"In my life, she personified strength, courage, stubbornness, beauty, creativity, stubbornness, wisdom, and stubbornness," he said. "Every time I came to visit – often on my birthday weekend, which we shared – I would hear in glorious detail anecdotes threaded together and spun with such charm that at 13 I seemed to be able to relate or at least be fascinated by a woman of 70-something and the life she'd led thus far."

The painting was passed on to Barry Hart of the airport committee to be hung on the walls of the terminal.

The painting represents a mixture of the old and the new and is symbolic of the changes that the airport is hoping to undergo in the near future with plans for an expanded runway.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CANADIAN FARMERS

There is still time to apply for payments under the Transitional Industry Support Program (TISP). TISP includes a direct payment to producers of cattle and other eligible ruminants and a general payment to all producers.

You have until July 31, 2004 to apply for both the Direct and General payments.

Direct Payment for Cattle and Ruminants

Producers of cattle, bison, sheep, goats, elk and deer are eligible.

To apply, you must complete and submit a form reporting your inventory.

General Transition Payment

Individuals, corporations, trusts, co-operatives and communal organizations reporting farming income (or loss) for 2002 are eligible for the transition payment. Status Indians farming on a reserve are also eligible.

Note: supply managed commodities are excluded.

Important: If you were a NISA participant or you received a Risk Management Funding payment in the last two years, you will automatically receive a payment. Others must apply.

Application forms are available online at **www.agr.gc.ca/tisp** or by calling **1 866 367-8506.**

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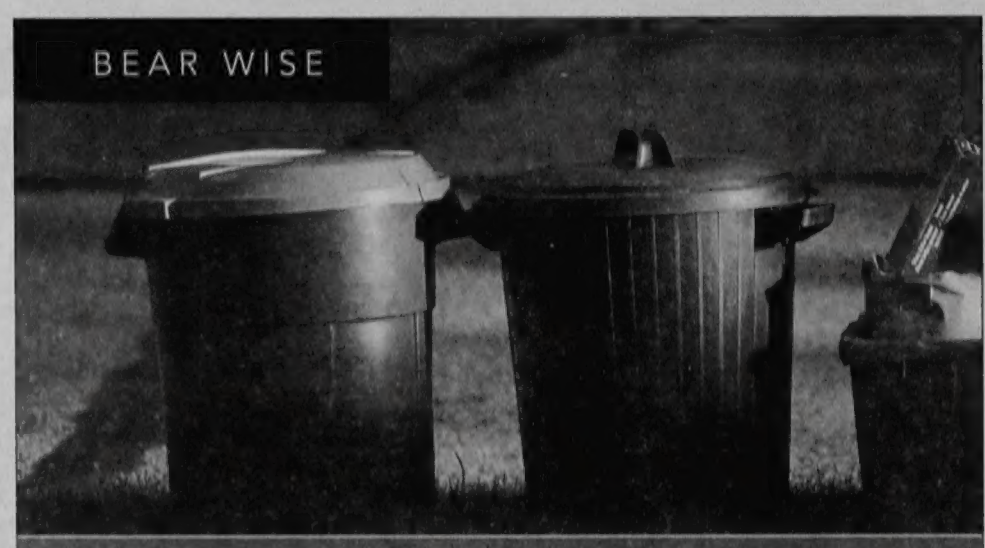

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CNIB showcases local services

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times Staff

June 17 marked the first-ever Vision Services Day in Minden.

Put on by the Peterborough branch of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), the event, which usually takes place in Haliburton, was held at the Minden Legion.

Joanne Shuttleworth, the coordinator of client services, says the reason for the change of venue was to accommodate her clients.

"We usually come to the area twice a year. This is our first time in Minden," she said. "This is where the majority of clients in this area are and we try to get in their home area if we can."

The day worked as a drop-in centre, allowing clients with vision impairments to have concerns addressed, purchase vision aid products, and speak with the knowledgeable staff.

Rose Kitney, a low vision specialist, was on hand to conduct fundamental vision assessments.

After the assessment, Kitney can match clients with proper magnification.

The Peterborough CNIB has 2200 clients in the four surrounding counties. Three hundred of those are in Haliburton County.

"Eighty-five per cent of our clients are low vision," Shuttleworth said, adding that most of the products the organization sells are meant to help their clients live independently.

On sale in Minden were large print and talking clocks, Braille watches and telephones, as well as magnifiers and a variety of sunglasses.

Proper sunglasses are very important, Shuttleworth said, because glare can reduce the amount of visibility for a person with low vision.

The next Vision Services Day will be held in the area in the Fall.

Izabela Jaroszynski/TIMES

Joanne Shuttleworth and Rose Kitney of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind prepare for clients at the Minden Legion during Vision Services Day.

Health unit's nurses get three-year pay increases

The district health unit and its nurses have signed a new three-year contract.

The nurses, who are members of the Ontario Nurses' Association, have been without a contract since December.

This new agreement gives them a 3.5 per cent salary increase the first year, and a three per cent increase in each of the following two years.

There are also improvements in their education allowance and an enhanced benefits package.

The agreement covers approximately 40 ONA members who work for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

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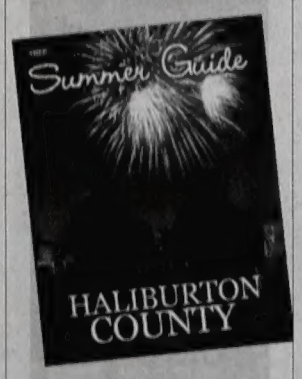

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MINDEN HILLS CANADA DAY

The following fine people help make up the spirit of our community. Many thanks!

Canada Day Committee – Councillor Peter Oyler, our MC for the day; Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon; Laura Cunliffe; Joanne Hotton; Colleen Mewha; Barb Philips; Joan Shaddock; Deb Barnhart; Shirley Hie; Bob Gilligan; Gord Monk; Volunteers - Ann Lavery, Emma Lavery, Sandra Crockett, Sherri Walker; our outstanding Minden Hills Fire Department; Members of Minden Hills Council; Province of Ontario; Minor Details; Reeve Rigney, Laurie Scott, M.P.P. and Barry Devolin, M.P. for the opening ceremonies; Justice Lowe - O'Canada; Dave Howell of Minden Autocare for the generous use of his facilities each year; Mill Valley Spring Water; Township Staff Ray, Bob, Kevin, Ritchie, Brock, Mike, Lindsay, Ashley, Mike, Matt, Graham and Moe for their outstanding help in setting up and breaking down equipment and helping out for the day; The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636; Minden Jug City – Julie Lee; Sandi Bradley; Bess Cox; Minden Live Bait and Tackle; Bill and Linda Chadwick for their assistance over the years on the Crazy River Raft Race and Logs to Lumber for plaques; Gull Lake Cottage Association; Henwoods Variety; Easton's Valu-Mart; Dollo's IGA; Roy Haig; Jerry Cooper; Minden Lions Club and District; Minden Leo's; Minden Rotary Club; Minden Boy Scouts; Janet Hirstwood; Brian Kernohan; Mr. Joe Fischer, DJ; Members of the Highlands Time Travellers "Classic Cars" for their many many years of dedication; the Colour Party of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636; our wonderful Piper, Fraser MacDonald; Jane and Rick of the Bear's Den for our first annual Motorcycle Show'n Shine with donated proceeds going to Camp Bucko; Patti Fleury, Tim Hortons (Minden – thanks Deb) and Nancy Bishop; Laura Hamel of Tim Hortons; Cheryl Murdoch; Ed Litwin; Kawartha Dairy; Janet and Jim of McMahon Feed, Ross Warburton; Minden Volunteer Police Support Association; Clayton Cameron and Ingram Wessell for the many years of wagon rides; Ron May; TD Bank; Wm. Payne & Sons; Lioness' for their Rubber Ducky Race; Glen Carter and the Highland Concert Band; Highlands Detachment of the OPP; Orillia Light & Power; Minden Amateur Radio Club; the Minden Times (Renzo) and Haliburton Echo; Lori Roberts – Photo Solutions; Chuck Golden of Golden's Stationary; John of V&S Stedmans (Minden); our advertising sponsors - Gordon Monk Funeral Homes Ltd.; John E. Francis Fuels; V&S Stedmans; Golden Stationers; Easton's Valu-mart; Dollo's IGA; Minden Drug Store; Sid Stamp Fuels; Hi-Land Pine Farms; Whispers North Gallery and Gifts; The Bear's Den; My Size; Motel Minden; North Shore Lawn & Garden; Haliburton Optical, Minden Autocare; Delta Pinestone Resort – golf for 4; Andrea of Bonnie View Inn for her dinner for two; Wild Swan B&B (Linnea); Janet Hirstwood of Head Inn Hairstyling, Village Chalet, Marks Restaurant, The Brown Owl, Dr. Kim Adie (Minden Chiropractic); Gambell's Antiques and the Wild Orchid – for their gift certificates; Colleen & Robert of Wedgewood Marina (knee board) – congrats on first anniversary, William Payne (Modern Electric); the County of Haliburton Fair Board; Minden Hills Post Office (Dorian Malloy); Gary Thurston, Minden Beer and Liquor stores; non- profit organizations – Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Hawk Lake Log Chute, Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network, SIRCH, HCSA, Ladies Auxiliary HHHS; CANOE FM; Wintergreen Maple Syrup; Deanna of Christian Ministries, Minden United Church, Pritchard House; Thomas Contracting; Mr. Darlington and Mrs. Roger's classes at Archie Stouffer for the many wonderful posters; Kenfield Enterprises; Dean Chaulk – Moose FM; Autumn & Bill Robinson – Autumn Marketing; Evelyn Stevenson; Tina and Aaron Hie; Rose Berry; many thanks to our CAO, Gerry Morrison, Linda Morrison and Gord Monk who helped everyone all day long in our main tent and beforehand – thank you to all – it was a great day and everyone's help was very much appreciated. We need volunteers - if you are interested in helping out on Canada Day or sitting on this committee, please contact the administration building 705-286-1260.

WINNERS OF EVENTS:

Draw Prize Winners – Glen Thompson, Minden; Carol Walli, Minden; John Coleman, Toronto; Dan Sheridan, Waterloo; Lenore Coatsworth, Georgetown; Keith Hill, Minden; Mike Stalker, Baltimore; Wyn Taylor, Minden; Rick Danelko, Minden; Tommy Smith, Minden; Nola Danilko, Minden.
Crazy River Raft Race Winners – 1st place Susan Eacles; Best Decorated Aaron Kelly; Most Enthusiastic Reagan McCulley; Most original Grace Diezel.
Motorcycle Show'n Shine – 1st place Peoples and Children's Choice – Al Finch – Happy Recovery, Al!
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Standing on the site where the expansion will be are Minden Hills Reeve and Rotary member Ross Rigney, Rotary member Bob Walli, Agnes Jamieson Gallery Administrator Laurie Carmount, Minden Rotary President Bill Obee, and Rotary members Bill Roodenberg, Jeanne Anthon and Eddie Pergolas.

Minden Rotary Club supports gallery expansion

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times Staff

Recognizing the benefit the expansion of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery will have to the community, the Minden Rotary Club is the first to step forward with a sizeable donation.

"The organization sent a letter to myself and Minden Council at the beginning of April stating they would donate $5,000 towards the expansion of the gallery but only if council agreed to start the project," said Gallery Administrator Laurie Carmount. "I'm sure this was one of the many reasons why council passed the motion to begin. It was a wonderful surprise and the gallery committee is greatly appreciative for the initiative and support Rotary is giving."

The $5,000 will go directly towards the cost of the building project. All donations made towards the project will receive a tax receipt either from the municipality or the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation.

"We hope our donation will get the ball rolling," said Bill Obee, President of Minden Rotary. "Here is a challenge to other service organizations to meet or beat our donation and help improve our community."

Another significant donation will be received from the private McLean Foundation for $10,000. Established in 1945 by the late Mr. J.S. McLean, this Foundation has been instrumental in supporting many worthy causes throughout Canada and is well respected. It is an honour for Minden to be awarded funding from the McLean Foundation and the gallery committee is very grateful.

Construction on the project is scheduled begin the first week of July and is expected to be completed by mid-November.

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August 18th to September 19

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The **Agnes Jamieson Gallery** is hosting a juried exhibition. A panel of professional photographers will be assembled to judge. Prizes for winners of each category will be awarded as well as a Grand Prize for Best of Show.

The categories are:
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2. The 'High' of Haliburton Highlands
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7. Comedy Relief

Winners and Grand Prize Winner for Best Entry will be announced at the Opening Reception.
Rules: Photos must be taken by Entry Artist. Entries must be professionally framed and ready to hang with picture wire on back. Artists may only enter one photo per each category. Works must have name and phone number on the back and, if wanted, price for sale. The gallery has a 25% commission for sales. There is no limit on size. Judges decisions are final.
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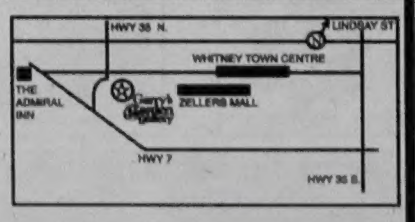

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The space known as 'the old Boy Scout room' in the lower level of the arena has been renovated to accommodate Minden Hills' administrative staff until next spring, when renovations to the municipal office complex are expected to be completed. The office was closed for only three days during the transition.

Minden Hills municipal office expansion

Staff move into arena during construction

by **IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI**
Times Staff

The administrative branch of Minden Hills now has a temporary new home.

As of last week, all staff working at the municipal offices in Minden were moved to the downstairs portion of the arena as construction of the addition to the municipal building began.

The move took about a week, with offices closed for just three days.

Twyla Nichols, the municipal clerk, says the move was accomplished smoothly.

"It was excellent," she said. "Everyone who participated, including the contractors, did a great job. It was great teamwork."

Bob Romberg, the municipality's property manager and the person responsible for co-ordinating the move, agrees that things went very well.

"We are very pleased," he said.

The new location, which is in the community centre, on the lower level of the arena – an area known to some as the 'old Boy Scout room' – was specially prepared to accommodate the incoming staff. Contractors put up walls to make separate offices and wired the space for the specific electronic needs of a functioning office.

"Everyone is happy," Nichols said. "It is quite efficient and quite functional for a temporary location."

In fact, the location provides staff with more working space and extra storage areas than the old municipal building.

U-Links, which was housed upstairs in the municipal building, now calls the Pritchard House home. Those looking for the office are instructed to go up the stairs and turn left.

Although not as spacious as their old home, Kate Hall says she is happy in the new location and called it "cozy."

Building and planning staff will continue to work at the former Lutterworth office until the new building is completed.

It is expected that construction will be finished in the next eight months and all municipal staff should be moving into the new building in March or April of 2005.

Join us for Algonquin Highlands' 2nd Annual

At the Stanhope and Dorset Museums

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Saturday, July 17th
10 am - 3 pm

Stanhope

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11am & 1:30 pm: Music with the McLennan Family
1pm-3pm: Meet Author Gary Long
12pm & 1:30pm: Stilts & Juggling with The Ben Show
12:30pm-1:30pm: Music with Rudi Jock's One Man Band
2:00 pm: WWII Field Organ Demo
2:30 pm: Barber Shop Quartet

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey will hold a Public Meeting **on August 10th, 2004 @ *7:00 p.m.*** at the Township Municipal Building, 701 County Road # 36, to consider proposed amendments to the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-Law No. B85-94, under Section 34 of The Planning Act.

The proposed zoning by-law amendment would have the purpose of amendments/revisions to Sections 4 and 5 of Zoning By-Law No. B85-94, as amended, specifically, general housekeeping items.

A key map is not provided with this Notice, as the amendments/revisions to Zoning By-Law No. B85-94, encompass the entire Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey lands.

ANY PERSON may attend before the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed zoning by-law amendment.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files an appeal of a decision of the Corporation of the Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey in respect of the proposed zoning by-law amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Galway-Cavendish before the proposed zoning by-law amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed zoning by-law amendment is available for inspection during normal business hours at the Municipal Office, 701 County Road # 36

Dated at the Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey this 2nd day of July, 2004.

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Memories of the Frost Centre

What will you miss the most when the Frost Centre closes? Will it be canoe lessons? Being up close and personal with wildlife like coyotes? Learning about insects? Cruising along Lake St. Nora during the Sizzle? Or will your own personal memories tie you forever to this special place?

Museum art program a big hit with children

Photos by Izabela Jaroszynski

The museum in Minden is hosting weekly art classes for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is $5 per child.
Yesterday, children learnt how to create lanterns and how to make candles from instructors Lance Aggett and Aarica Steele.
Above, Lisa Kim, 7, glues shapes onto her lantern design. Above right, six-year old Emily Walter works with her sister Megan, 8, to create a beautiful work of art. Below, sisters Shasta and Raina Ritchie, 6 and 7, and Annaka Dallaire, 9, concentrate on their crafts.

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Kinmount Lions present special awards

Kinmount Model Railroad Club members Bob Mitchell and Henry Kunz accepted a plaque in memory of Bill Hartin from Bill's wife Donna Hartin and Kinmount Lions Club President Greg Parrott. The plaque will be on display in the Kinmount Train Station. Bill Hartin, who died earlier this year, was an avid model railroader and a respected member of the Kinmount Lions Club.

Kinmount Lions Club President Greg Parrott, left, was chosen Lion of the Year and he was also presented with the Helen Keller Fellowship. He was presented with the awards, as well as a Life Membership in the Lions Foundation of Canada by Kinmount Lions Club Second Vice-President Doug King.

Kinmount and District Lions Club President Greg Parrott present a Life Membership in the Lions Foundation of Canada to J.C. Lagrange, left, and a Lions Foundation Dogguide Adopt A Puppy Certificate to Club Vice-President David Anderson. Vick Ballik, who was unable to attend the awards presentations, also received a Lions Foundation Dog guide Adopt A Puppy Certificate.

Dorset Dock day a big success

DORSET NEWS
Melissa Alfano

The 8th annual Dorset public dock kids day was a huge success enjoyed by participants and volunteers alike. A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers and to businesses who donated prizes. Eighty-eight children along with their parents / grand parents or friends attended, fished off the dock and had a chance at the bevy of prizes donated by local businesses and the Toronto Sportsmen's Show.

The 3rd Annual Dorset Wooden Boat Parade takes place this coming Saturday, July 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. This free event includes games, face painting, hot dogs, pop and live entertainment. The highlight is the Wooden Boat Parade featuring a float-by display of historical and antique wooden boats from the Lake of Bays area. For more details, you can contact Sarah at 766-1927

Kids crafts are taking place at the Dorset Rec Centre from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday in July. All materials are supplied. The cost is $5 / per child 5 and up.

A Writing Circle begins on Saturday, July 10 at Club 35 at Halls Lake from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, please call Pauline Johnson at 489-3878.

The 2nd Annual Dorset family campfire night takes place on Wednesday, July 14 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Dorset Parkette just off Hwy 35. All are welcome to enjoy songs, storyteller Marcia Mandel, games and of course ^ toasted marshmallows! It's free but donations are welcome to support this and other recreation programs. Bring a lawn chair and join the fun.

Don't miss the Dorset Lions Club spaghetti supper to be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, July 15 at 6 p.m. For more details, contact Gord at 766-2292 or Paul at 766-9971.

The Dorset Heritage Museum 2nd Annual Heritage Day and Silent Auction takes place on Saturday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It includes many historic displays, exhibits and crafts, live music and entertainment, burgers, hot dogs, sausages and drinks, silent auction and the now famous heritage pie sale. For more details, contact Norm MacKay at 766-2814.

Algonquin Highlands has three re-use centres set up in the Township; a well organized "store" at the Dorset site, a good sized collection building at Maple Lake and a small facility at Oxtongue. These units provide an opportunity to keep many useable items out of our landfills, as people share their "treasures".

The Waste Management Committee would like to have suitable buildings at all sites to carry out this different type of recycling process. The committee has been looking for a suitable cabin, garage or shed which is being disposed of and could be moved on our Township float trailer. If you know of such a structure that might be available, please call the Township office at 489-2379.

At a recent waste management meeting some issues were discussed which might be of interest to you. Many seasonal residents come from areas where recycling rules are more restrictive than in Algonquin Highlands. The Algonquin Highlands recycling handout is available at all sites and tells you what you can recycle. The committee also discussed the importance of consumers choosing not to purchase items which are not user friendly for recycling. Manufacturers play an important role in the whole waste management cycle. We should all try to make choices that will somehow get the message to producers that their packaging should be minimal.

Birthday wishes for July 1 to 10 go out to Alice MacKay, Paul Wilson, Norman MacKay the 3rd, Janet Macdonald and Ebba Russell.

Stanhope: fighting for the Frost

STANHOPE NEWS
Alisha Lafleur

As a small community, we have to stick together. When huge changes are made to small places such as Stanhope, it takes a lot of adjusting and we fight even harder for what we know is right. I'm sure this is not new news to anyone, but it is news that needs to be put out as much as possible, because now more than ever the Leslie M. Frost Centre needs community support. There is a slew of petitions, meetings and contacts that people can participate in to help save the Frost Centre.

We have been told that the doors are closing on July 13 but we have until then to make all the noise and protest we can. Some might say it's too late ... but is it? A friend has worked there 18 years and has until next Tuesday to "get out". Nice, eh? And he's just one of many. Thanks to the great effort of Carol Moffat, and the outpouring of support at Tuesday night's meeting, many more initiatives are under way. Carol was also interviewed this Wednesday morning on CBC and did a great job.

I'm sure many of you on me-mail lists are getting this information from other sources as well.

There is a petition which you can sign with your comments on www.experiencehaliburton.com

Bring your placard and your attitude to the Minden MNR office on Friday night between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.. Thanks to Amanda Newell and Peter Oyler for being keen to do this. Don't let this protest flop: invite your friends and let's get out there and inform people.

There are many children's programs during the week through the summer. These programs take place until the end of August and include: crafts at the beach, loonie tennis, kids cards and board games, kids fun day, family campfire nights, adult soccer, family movie nights and more. For information on these programs call 705-766-9968, pick up a summer news letter for Stanhope Recreation from the township office on North Shore Rd. or pick up a copy of the *Summer Guide* or read the newspapers' classifieds.

If you have anything to submit to the paper, e-mail me at alisha_stevens20@hotmail.com or call 705-766-9968 or 489-4196.

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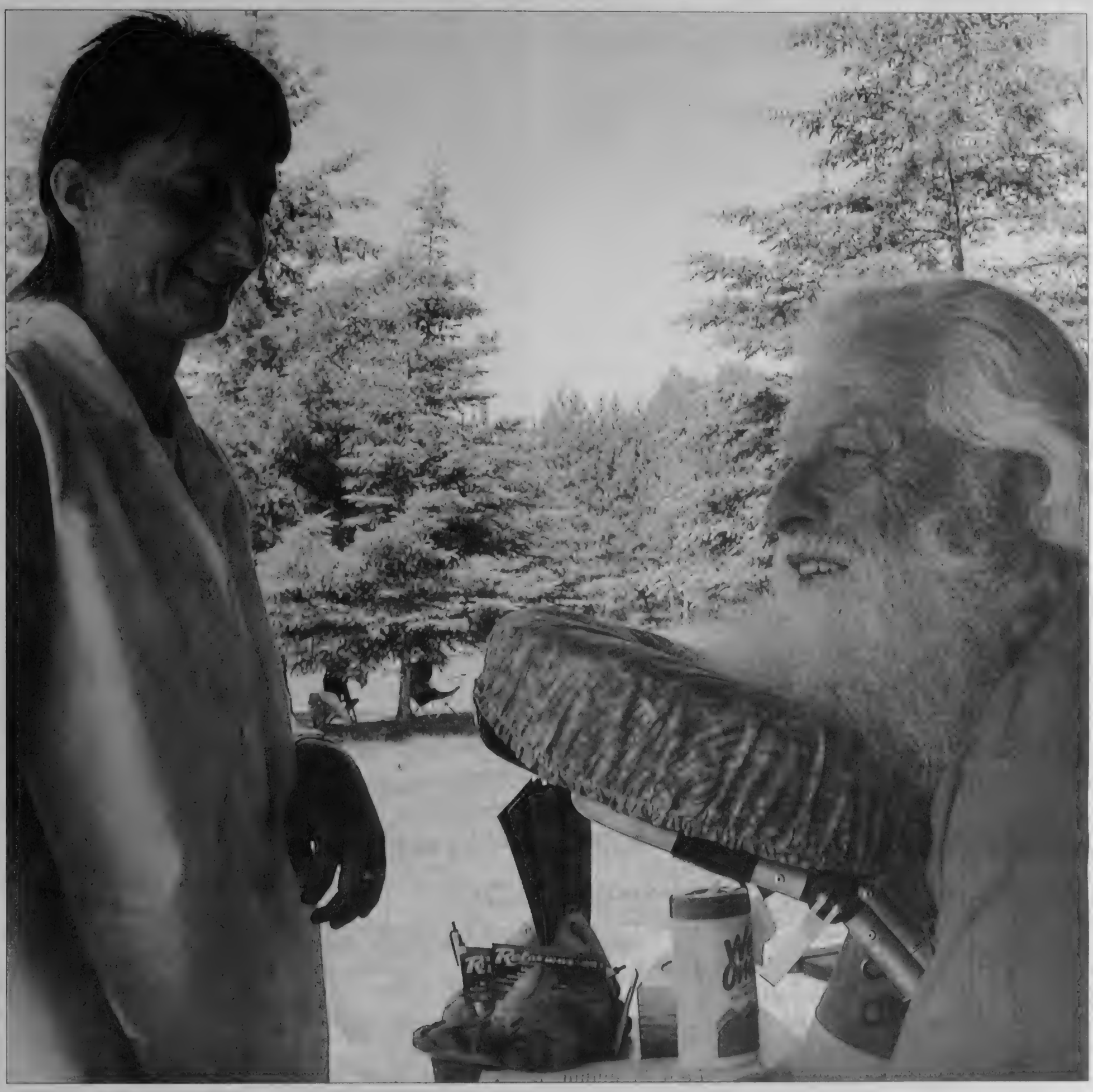

Sheryl Loucks/TIMES

EH! Fair a smashing success

With nearly 2,000 visitors, the Environment Haliburton eco-fair held at Stanhope Community Centre and park was even bigger and better than organizers had hoped. The sold-out evening concert featuring comedy genius Nancy White had the audience in stitches. The audience responded very positively, especially with guest speakers Pat Potter, Steve Galea, and Carol Moffatt, who spoke about the Frost Centre's possible closure. Above, Lisa Main gives Bob Nesbitt a massage at EH! Fair. Main was one of several massage therapists and alternative medicine practitioners who set up shop at the fair to show people environmentally friendly means of treatment.

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Rain and a beautiful sunset marked the weather in June

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to the Times

June was quite variable, cloudy, wet and cool at times with only one day reaching a temperature over 30°C. With these conditions, the average temperature was 15°C, which is almost 2°C cooler than last June.
The river temperature on June 30 was 21°C, cool but higher than on May 31, when the temperature was only 15°C.
The rainfall was higher than last June. Hope you saw the spectacular sunset June 24, the best in many years.

Average high:	21.9° C, 71.4° F
Average low:	8.2.° C, 46.7° F
Average for the month:	15° C, 59° F
Average for last June:	16.8° C, 62.2° F
Highest temperature: June 8.	31.0° C 87.8° F
Lowest temperature: June 12.	2.5 ° C, 36.5° F
Rain:	87.4mm, .3.4 in
Total precipitation for last June:	58.4. mm, 2.2 in
River Temperature: June	30: 21. C, 69.8 F
Days mostly sunny:	17
Days with snow or rain:	10
Days with thunderstorms:	3

TRIVIA: Which activity is most associated with lightning strikes?

1. Talking on the phone; 2. Playing golf; 3. Working on heavy equipment; 4. Being out in open field; 5. Boating, fishing, swimming.

Answer in the July report.

Darren Lum/TIMES

Haliburton County promotion video to be shown on CHEX TV

Over the next few days, the Highlands' marketing video will be shown three times on Peterborough's CHEX television station.

"We are ecstatic" says the video's producer and videographer George Farrell. "I am not sure that people realize just what wonderful coverage this is in showing the world everything that we have to offer in this county.

"CHEX TV's reach is a fair bit of Southern Ontario, and into the Golden Horseshoe area on cable and aerial, and across Canada on both satellite systems. I am confident in saying that this is the greatest marketing exposure the county has ever had, and the video is proving to be the multi purpose marketing tool that I had hoped it would be," says Farrell.

Advertising spots for the video will be filled by Haliburton businesses. The Chamber of Commerce is acting as the sponsor for the airings. The Haliburton video can be seen on CHEX on Saturday, July 10 at 6pm, Sunday July 11th at 12 noon, and Wednesday July 14th at 2:30 p.m..

The Haliburton video will also be shown at the Molson Indy in Toronto on July 8, 9, 10 and 11.

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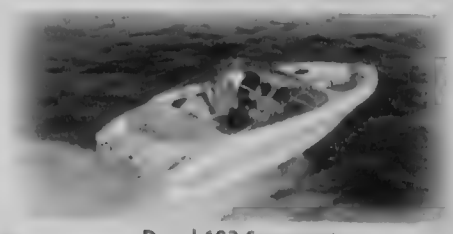

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Kinmount Summer Festival ready to go with feature performer Kelly White

Kelly White will be the featured artist at the Kinmount Railway Station Gallery's Summer Weekend Art Shows on Saturday and Sunday July 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A teacher of science and art in Lindsay Kelly creates scenes which are familiar to people using acrylics and watercolours as her media. On July 17th and 18th Alan Wilcox will be on hand to demonstrate his glass and metal sculpting techniques. Be sure to drop by.

The National Film Board's *A Country Doctor*, which documents a year in the practice of Kinmount's Dr. Elena Mihu, has been re-scheduled for Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m. on CBC.

This is a beautiful film which portrays the supportive relationship still possible between caring physicians and their patients in spite of the changes being made to our health care system. Plan also to attend the Open House at the Kinmount & District Health Centre on Sunday, July 25 from 1 - 3 p.m. Tour the facilities and join in welcoming Dr. Zsuzsanna Kaszas to the Centre. We are indeed most fortunate and the efforts of the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation on behalf of our area residents deeply appreciated.

Tickets are still available by calling 488-2801 for the Kinmount & Area Garden Tour coming up on Saturday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seven gardens are featured on the Tour for your enjoyment. Exchange your ticket for a Tour Map at the Kinmount Railway Station on the morning of the Tour then start off on a delightful adventure. Green thumbs are not required.

Please note a change in date for the next " Big Bucks Bid Euchre " at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 . This popular event will be held on Thursday, July 15 starting at 11 a.m.

The Kinmount & District Business Association will kick off its third " Moonlight Mania " on Saturday, July 17th from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. with fun events for the whole family. There will be hay rides, live music, street vendors, pony rides, a farmers' market and much more. This year there will also be a dance in the Community Centre starting at 9 p.m. as part of the festivities.

AROUNDTHETOWN

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The Kinmount Seniors will be holding their Flea Market on Saturday, July 31. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Railway Station with baking, plants and household treasures for sale. Tables will be available for vendors by calling Mildred at 488-2728.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Tuesday, June 29 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were three Slams over the afternoon by Pearl Foster and Chuck Wilson, Bruce Armstrong and Stan Hill and Dorothy Strype partnered with our bridge reporter Ross Fletcher. Stan Hill led the scoring with 7000 points then it was Jean Jackson 6630, Dorothy Strype 6600 and Bruce Armstrong 6390.

Tuesday, June 29 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Gala Stamp led the scoring at 275 with Edith Burch 265 second and Ida Young 264 third. The draws went to Georgina Parkes, Don Burch and Sharon Evans with Verna McDonald and Pat Roussel taking the moonshots. Pat also won the special draw.

Wednesday, June 30 bid euchre at Stanhope: Single moonshots went to Tom Orr, Bud Pipher and Kevin Maloney with Pat Scadden and our reporter Gala Stamp taking two. Leading the pinks was Vicki Campagnolo 292 then Helen Windsor 285 with Muriel Harrington and Loretta Lamb tied for third spot at 275. Top spot for the white cards went to Bud Pipher 325 followed by Pat Scadden 300 and Kevin Maloney 287.

Wednesday, June 30 Kinmount Seniors euchre: For high scores ladies/men it was Roger Fournier and Harold Harvie while Mildred St. Thomas and Truman McNeil recorded the lows. Theresa Deak held the most lone hands and Les Robertson won the draw.

Thursday, July 1 euchre at the Minden Legion: In the lone hands column it was May Bradbury for the ladies and Ruth Kellett representing the gents. High scores ladies/men went to Iris Taylor and Lorne Dinesen with Helen Skelding and Barb Callaghan taking the lows. Other prizes went to Syd Adamson, Kay Orr, Gwen Cox and two for Verna McDonald.

Friday, July 2 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills: Fran and Norm Smith were first in North/South at 61% with Ron and Ken Sheppard 57% second. For East/West the winners were Bruce Armstrong and David Cunningham at 61% then Norma Crewson partnered with Vic Mathews second at 58%.

Friday, July 2 euchre at Staanworth Court: Taking the honours for high score was Iris Taylor and for low Jean Ingram. Ruth Kellett won for most lone hands and also the draw.

Friday, July 2 bid euchre at Club 35: Marge Richardson and Tom Pearson took the moonshots while Pat Scadden, Helen Cassidy and Pearl Cowen uncovered the hidden scores. For the pinks Sharon Evans took top spot at 305 followed by Marion Farr 280 and Grace Smyth 256 with Peter Farr first for the white cards at 345 then Chris Clarke 335 and Bev Swick 334.

Saturday, July 3 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace: First and second place were a family affair going to Pat and Marcel Roussel with scores of 328 and 275 respectively. June Branning was third at 257. The draw winners were Pat Scadden, Pat Bailey and Yvonne Bishop.

Monday, July 5 cribbage at the Minden Legion: Vicki Campagnolo took first place with Pat Roussel second and Joe Rivers third. The draw winners were Don Burch, Marcel Roussel, Joe Rivers and Gwen Cox. Thanks to Jean Scadden for this update.

Monday, July 5 euchre at the St. Paul's Anglican Church: For most lone hands it was Mabel Deacon for the ladies and Gala Stamp representing the gents. High scores were recorded by Pearl Cowen and Don Hicks while Hazel Maxwell and Joyce Ritchie tallied up the lows. The striped critter paid a visit to both hidden score holder Jesse Barlow and Lucille Houghton while the draw prizes went to Hazel Maxwell and Julie Keberer.

Monday, July 5 euchre at Club 35: Tom Orr uncovered the hidden score and Colleen Davison won the baloney. The high score holders ladies/men were Helen Windsor and Ken Stiver with Sally Rose and Stan Walters taking the evening's lows.

Monday, July 5 euchre at Staanworth Terrace: For high hands the honours went to Georgina Deeks with Martha Harding holding the most lone hands, Beaulah Hewitt winning for low hands and Pat Bailey receiving the special prize. Elaine Yeo extends a big thank you to all the ladies who provided the lunch.

Monday, July 5 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: The high score holder was Roger Fournier with Charlie Richardson second high. The moonshot trio members were Ida Young, Marjorie Paradis and Phyllis Windsor while Noreen Ballentryne and Rose Isaacson won the draws.

Tuesday, July 6 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: Topping the charts was Pearl Cowen 315 followed by Bob Bishop 273 and Elli Langpohl 268. The draw winners were Helen Luffman, Margaret Fletcher and Don Burch with Marge Richardson, Gala Stamp, Theresa Deak, Edith Burch and Emily Harvie taking the moonshots.

Tuesday, July 6 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two Slams going to Margo Davidson partnered with Bruce Armstrong and Betty Dicker teamed with Frank Schlotter. Leading the scoring was Stella McMillan at 7190 followed by Len McNeice 6800, Dorothy McIntyre 5780 and Frank Schlotter 5330. Marion Day took the lucky draw, Bruce Armstrong won the Shiny Penny Award and Stella McMillan the R.F.T.T.. She will always Reach For The Top.

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Martha Perkins/TIMES

On opening night of *The Sound of Music*, the audience gave the Highlands Summer Festival production a heart-felt standing ovation. The scenes with Kate Campbell as Maria and Christopher Greaves as Captain von Trapp were particularly moving. The two actors created a strong and believable dynamic. Since most productions had few seats left, a matinee has been added on August 1.

Sound of Music sell-out prompts extra matinee performance

Sell-outs this week have led the Highlands Summer Festival to add another performance of *The Sound of Music* to this year's schedule. Seats for the newly opened Sunday, August 1 matinee went on July 7.

The Sound of Music opened Monday, July 5 to a capacity audience at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton, and followed that with a second sell-out on Tuesday. Most of the other scheduled performances of the popular musical are also sold out or have just a few seats remaining.

"We decided that we would add another performance of the musical to the schedule when we realized there could be patrons who may not have an opportunity to see the show," Highlands Summer Festival Co-Producer Jack Brezina said. "We have been swept away by the overwhelming popularity of the show."

It is not just *The Sound of Music* that is attracting the attention of theatre-goers. The Wednesday, July 7 performance of *Thriller of the Year* was sold out and other shows in the six-week schedule are filling quickly.

In addition to the musical and the thriller, the Highlands Summer Festival schedule includes a rollicking Elizabethan comedy, *The Perfect Rhyme*, and the popular classical music concert, this year called *Encore*.

Tickets for any of the Highlands Summer Festival productions are $20.

Call the box office for details, 705-457-9933 or visit the Festival website at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.

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GREG & STEPHANIE SMITH
Saturday, July 10, 2004
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390 PUBLIC NOTICES

UNDER THE AUTHORITY of a Special Permit issued by the County of Haliburton, a motorcycle trail ride will be accessing the Haliburton Rail Trail from Koshlong Lk. Rd. to Milburn Rd. during the afternoon of Saturday, August 21, 2004. The "Crystal Lk. Trail Ride" is hosted by the Ontario Dual Sport Club www.odsc.on.ca as part of the 2004 Kawasaki Trail Ride Series www.kawtrailride.com.

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Meet the artists each week at the Monday Social Receptions in the cafeteria from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Also being offered at this same location are free visual presentations in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion every Wednesday at 4:45 p.m.

The self guided walk about tours will take place every Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

420 PERSONALS

I HOPE ALL turned out well for Bonnie C. 1961.

440 THANK YOU

The Family of **EBBIE BISHOP** wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all the friends and relatives who called, sent cards, floral arrangements, offered words of comfort and for the donations made to the Minden Hospital and Branch #636 of the Legion. A special thank you to Kirsten and Monks Funeral Home for their thoughtfulness, kindness and support and Rev. Max Ward and the legion for a wonderful memorial service and the lovely luncheon. Our deepest appreciation to everyone at the Minden Hospital, Doctors and the clinic, for all the wonderful care and compassion they have shown Ebbie over the past two years. The family will cherish the hockey sweater in Dad's memory.

THE MINDEN LIONESS would like to thank everyone for their support at our 15th Annual Rubber Ducky Race. With a very special thank-you going out to Mark McMaster, Judd Campbell, Tanner Warburton and everyone else along the riverbank that helped with the successful retrieval of all 500 ducks. Congratulations to this years winners 1st place Dave Bickerton from Claremont, 2nd place Brad Long from Toronto and 3rd place to Cathy Johnston from Oakville. Thanks to everyone for your support and we hope to see you again next year.
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450 IN MEMORIAM

GARTSHORE – In loving memory of **Don** 1942 - 1978 and **Loran** 1911 - 1983.
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We miss you more than anyone knows,
With tender love and deep regret,
We who love you will never forget.
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MCKELVEY, BARB – In loving memory of our mom who was taken from us on July 12, 2000.
If roses grow in heaven lord,
please pick a bunch for us
Place them in our mothers arms, and tell her there from us
Tell her we love and miss her,
and when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile
Because remembering her is easy, we do it everyday
But there is an ache within our hearts, that will never go away.
Love and miss you everyday Mom, Love your kids Sid, Marg and Melinda MacKeigan.

450 IN MEMORIAM

UPTON – In loving memory of **Bernard** 1933 - 1950, **Harold** 1901 - 1974 and **Morgan** 1929 - 1995.
Beautiful memories,
Are wonderful things,
They last till the longest day,
They never wear out,
They never get lost,
And can never be given away,
To some you may be forgotten
To others a part of the past
But to us who loved and lost you
Your memory will always last.
We love and miss you Your Family.

460 OBITUARIES

MARJORIE "MADGE" BARRY
(nee Walker)
Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, July 1, 2004, surrounded by her family and friends.
At the age of 74.
Beloved wife of the late Val M. Barry. Dear mother of Don (Christena), Douglas (Denise), Glen (Donna). Loving grandmother of Marie (Phil), Ryan, Michelle (Jeff), Jason (Kerry) and great grandmother of Lucas and Olivia. Dear sister of Edith, Murray, Russell and predeceased by Bill, Ray, Jean, Lillian, Carl and Charlie. Loved and was loved by her many friends and relatives. Special thanks to Keith and Deb Rowden. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Monday, July 5, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Reception to follow at the church, downstairs. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family.
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ELIZABETH LENORA SEARS
Passed away peacefully at the Lakeridge Health Centre, Oshawa on Wednesday, July 7, 2004 with her husband Michael by her side in her 57th year.
Beloved wife of Michael Sears of Bowmanville. Loving mother of Sara and her fiance Wade Harris, and Raymond all at home. Loving daughter of Bernice (nee Hamilton) and her husband the late Orval Francis and dear daughter-in-law of Rita and Henry Sears. Dear sister of Bob and Bev of Bobcaygeon, Bill and Carol of Long Beach. Sadly missed by the extended members of the Francis and Sears families. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427 Minden (1-888-588-5777) on Friday, July 9, 2004 from 2-4 and 7-9 and on Satudray, July 10, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service in our chapel at 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow in the family centre at the funeral home. Interment at Gelert Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.
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These sponsorships help Home Support to meet its fundraising goals which enables them to continue to provide much needed support services to seniors and physically disabled throughout Haliburton County.

The winners of Golf for four at Beaverbrook Golf Course were Barbara Lown, T.J. Lown, Keith Butts and Yvonee Butts.

440 THANK YOU

Dr Elena Mihu of Kinmount

'A Country Doctor' to be aired on CBC this Saturday evening

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The documentary film, A Country Doctor, which chronicles the life and work of Kinmount doctor Elena Mihu, will be aired on CBC on Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m. The film had been scheduled to run in June, but with the election, it was rescheduled to July 15.

The running time of the original was just over 70 minutes. Producer Alastair Brown and CBC editors pared the original down to fit in a one-hour time slot. Brown says he is confident the shortened version is true to the original theme.

"It works pretty well in an hour," Brown said. "It was edited wisely and elegantly. It worked out as well as is possible. I don't think people who haven't already seen it will know it was originally much longer."

Brown said he received numerous telephone calls when the film didn't air as planned. "It was bumped for the election," Brown said. "I guess people have to vote. I would have really been pissed off if it had been bumped for a hockey game."

Ted Wilkes, Chair of the Kinmount Doctor Recruitment Committee, said he also received numerous calls when the film didn't air as planned. He said the committee distributed posters announcing the date and time when the film was originally scheduled to air and when it was pre-empted for pre-election coverage a lot of people were disappointed.

This will be the first time the documentary will be shown on a major network. The original 70-plus minute version has been distributed to libraries, universities, hospitals and numerous individuals.

The film was reviewed by the Toronto newspapers prior to the first scheduled showing. Brown said the reviews were all very positive.

WI happy to be on Hwy. sign

by RITA BAIRD

A happy gathering of ladies and guests met at the Agnes Jamieson Centre for a pot luck luncheon and year end meeting. It was a pleasure to have Audrey Thrasher, district president, in attendance, Pam Rolfe, Minden president, welcomed everyone to an afternoon of fun, relaxation, and celebration of another successful year.

The new program for 2004/2005 was presented and *Home & Country* magazine distributed.

We were delighted to learn that our request for inclusion of our insignia on the Minden Civic Club highway sign had been presented to the Minden Council and was promptly approved. After many years of service in the area it affords us much pride to be recognized, not only by our many W.I. ladies who visit our beautiful Highlands from across the country and around the world.

Plans and rosters were finalized for the ever popular Minden Art & Antique Show to be held in the Minden Community Centre on July 9, 10, and 11. Drop by to say "Hello" and enjoy our home baking and refreshments at our tea room. This will be our fourth year at this most successful venue.

The proceeds from the tea room go toward the needs of the community, ever living up to our motto "For Home & Country."

At the conclusion of the meeting there was and auction of plants and baked goods to much laughter and participation. Money will be donated to the food bank later in the year,

President Pam adjourned the afternoon by wishing everyone a safe and happen summer till we meet again September 15 at the home of Lynn Hancock. Do join us. Tel 754–3445.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

what's happening in the Highlands

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• Join us for story time and crafts at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm 457-2241 or 457-1791.
• Every Wednesday: Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 am on Pine Street, in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.
• Storytime & crafts at the Wilberforce Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Tuesday evenings from 6:45-7:30pm. Pajamas welcome! 457-2241 or 448-2510.
• **The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** invites you to come & enjoy **Creative Women's Circle**, a Centre Program that takes place Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Call 705-748-5901.
• **Quilters Etc Club** meeting at Dorset Rec Centre on Fridays from 9-12pm. This is a "drop-in" for knitters, quilters & needle workers. Call Shirley-Anne (705) 766-2738 or Mildred 766-0335.
• **Every Monday** Home Support offers Contract Bridge beginning at 1 p.m. to seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults. Every Thursday join us for Bid Euchre beginning at 1 p.m. Every Friday join us for Cribbage beginning at 1p.m. Please call Ida for more info 457-2941.
• **Dorset TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter** meets at the Dorset Rec Centre every Monday at 8:30am for a weigh-in and meeting. All are welcome to join.
• **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM:** For women 50+ years, screening by appointment only on Thurs and Fri at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral needed. 328-6175.
• **Monarch Bible Camp** offers fun, challenging programs for children ages 6-15. Registration now being accepted for camps in Minden, Haliburton, West Guilford, Eagle Lake and Carnarvon. Call 705–887–3625 on line cdnssm@bellnet.ca.
• **Every Wednesday:** Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 a.m. on Pine Street, in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.
• **Every Thursday Evening:** Open Meditation Sessions 7:30-8:30 p.m. Drop in and join us every Thursday evening for an hour of relaxing, refreshing and revitalizing mediation. At the Dharma Centre of Canada, 1886 Galway Road, Kinmount (5 km south of Kinmount, 10 km off Highway #121) Phone: (705) 488-2704 or email: adminoffice@dharmacentre.org. Website: www.dharmacentre.org
• **July 8-Sept. 2:** Story time at your library on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at the Stanhope Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. 457-2241 or 489-2402.
• **July 10:** A new writer's circle is being formed at Club 35 starting at 9:30 a.m. It will run the second Saturday of every month. The circle is open to anyone interested in sharing their work with other writers for editing and feedback and those seeking resources on the business of writing. All are invited, be they experienced writers, emerging writers, or those considering writing memoirs. People from all regions are welcome. Call (705) 489-3878.
• **July 10:** Norland United Church Summer Salad Supper starting at 4pm. All are welcome! Free parking at back of church. ALSO: Norland United Church will be opening for the summer months starting June 19 to September 11, 2004. Call for times.
• **July 10:** Norland Firefighters Association Presents Truck Pull & Peoples Choice Sow & Shine. Weigh in @ 11 a.m. Pulls start @ 1 p.m. Ward Memorial Park, North of Norland on HWY #35
• **July 10:** The Lindsay Gallery presents Arts in the Park -show & sale of fine art and craft. Victoria Park, Lindsay. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Call 324-1780 for details.
• **July 11-12:** Making the Village Whole with Steve Jenkinson. At the Dharma Centre of Canada, 1886 Galway Road, Kinmount (5 km south of Kinmount, 10 km off Highway #121) Phone: (705) 488-2704 or email: adminoffice@dharmacentre.org. Website: www.dharmacentre.org
• **July 14th**: Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild meets at 1p.m. at Stanhope Community Centre. Followed by a Sewing room and Garden Tour. Potluck dinner at President's house. Guests and new members welcome.
• **July 14:** Buffet Salad Supper at Minden United Church starting at 5 p.m.
• **July 15:** Home Support Bus Trip to Port Hope to see "The Importance of Being Ernest". Please call 457-2941 for more info.
• **July 16, 17 & 18:** Country Good Times - Wilberforce. Lots of activities, flea market all weekend, junior and senior amateur talent contest, beer gardens, midway, parade, church service and great food all weekend long. New this year... Youth Dance Friday Night ages 8-16 - no in&out, no knapsacks - Snackbar.
CIWA Wrestling followed by Karaoke Saturday Night. Three of these wrestlers have appeared on WWF TV. All ages welcome, $10 adults $8 under 12. Licensed event - doors open at 7:00 Wrestling 7:30 - 9:30. Karaoke & Dancing to follow. Kids' Day Sunday - 10-12 Free ice skating, 12:30 magic show - The Magically Hip with Maxwell & Ta-Dah, 2-4 Kids 16 & under talent contest with Karaoke back-up.
• **July 17:** The Haliburton Highlands Writers,& Editors, Network presents Edo van Belkom at our 11:00 a.m. breakfast/brunch at the Bonnie View Inn on South Kashagawigamog Road. $13 for members and $16 for non-members. Everyone is welcome to call Marjorie Green at 286-2592 for reservations by July 14.
• **Children's Craft Program** so popular we offer two afternoons each week 1:30 pm. Registration necessary. Pick up your schedule today. Minden Hills Museum. Call 286-3154
• **July 19:** Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park will hold their next meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the former Somerville Township office in Kinmount. Get on board and help get the wheels rolling. All ages welcome. For more info call Lynne Kilby 488-2919.
• **July 19:** Minden Hills Museum 286-3154 - Redwork Workshop 10 am - noon. Pioneer embroidery instruction. Materials supplied. Registration necessary.
• **July 20:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting. Held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Fireside Lounge Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info call Rick Ratcliff 286-6699.
• **July 24-29:** Yoga & Meditation Retreat for relaxation and rejuvenation wih Tannice Goddard and Karma Chime Wongmo. At the Dharma Centre of Canada, 1886 Galway Road, Kinmount (5 km south of Kinmount, 10 km off Highway #121) Phone: (705) 488-2704 or email: adminoffice@dharmacentre.org. Website: www.dharmacentre.org
• **July 27th:** Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild invites all fibre artists (weavers, rug hookers, knitters, etc.) to join them for a drop-in work session at Club 35 at Hall's Lake. Bring a project to work on and a brown bag lunch. Share ideas and friendships.
$2 admission. Everyone welcome.
• **July 31:** Norland Horticultural Society is holding a Perennial Plant and Seed Sale. There will also be a Community Bake Sale plus a miscellaneous "goodies" table. This event takes place at Ward Park on Highway 35 north of Norland. For information call 705-454-2191.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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